

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
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Re: Shell Offshore, Inc. and Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc.
 Permit Numbers: R10OCS/PSD-AK-2010-01 and
 R10OCS/PSD-AK-09-01
 Appeal Numbers: OCS 11-02 and OCS 11-03

Dear Ms. Stern:

This is to advise you that the Environmental Appeals Board (the "Board" or "EAB") received on October 24, 2011, two petitions dated October 24, 2011, one petition filed by Colin O'Brien, EARTHJUSTICE, (OCS 11-02) on behalf of the Native Village of Point Hope, Resisting Environmental Destruction of Indigenous Lands, Alaska Wilderness League, Center for Biological Diversity, Natural Resources Defense Council, Northern Alaska Environmental Center, Ocean Conservancy, Oceana, Pacific Environment, Sierra Club, and The Wilderness Society, and one petition filed by Tanya Sanerib, Crag Law Center, (OCS 11-03) on behalf of the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope and the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, asking the Board to review a PSD determination by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

A copy of the petitions and exhibits can be found on the Board's website at www.epa.gov/eab. Click on "EAB Dockets" in the left-hand menu, and click on the "Active Dockets" link, and then click on the appropriate case name. If you have any difficulty accessing this document, please let me know.

To assist the Environmental Appeals Board in deciding whether the matters raised by Petitioners should be reviewed, please have your staff prepare a response that addresses the Petitioners' contentions and whether Petitioners have satisfied the requirements for obtaining review under 40 C.F.R. § 124.19 and file such response no later than November 16, 2011.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. and Shell Offshore Inc. as notification of this petition and these filing requirements. If the permittee chooses to file a

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